Maharashtra and the 250 MW single unit lignite based Neyveli Thermal Power Project of M/s ST-CMS Electric Company in Tamil Nadu, through a revised procedure. Government of India counter-guarantee to these projects have been issued in August, 1999.

The Ib Valley project was re-negotiated by the Government of Orissa before construction could commence and, therefore, techno-economic clearance was issued afresh to this project on 26.2.1999. Issue of Counter Guarantee of Government of India was approved in the case of this project and the Mangalore thermal Power Project of M/s Cogentrix Energy Inc., on 22.12.1999.

Mirage Manufacturing Industry

*253. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether France proposes to set up a Mirage manufacturing industry in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of the proposed Mirage to be purchased by India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Appointments in Delhi Police on Compassionate Grounds

*254. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons appointed on compassionate grounds in Delhi Police during the last three years, category-wise;

(b) the number of applications received during the last three years and the number of SCs/STs among them; and